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Attention: Mr. W. D. Dickinson

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

Reference is made to your letter of February 12, 1970.

Concerning the type of telescopic sight employed, it is my understanding that one on the "Oswald Rifle" was of a class designed specifically for use on rifles of the .22 caliber category. Also, using the side-mount, the scope can not be centered along the parallel axis of the bore and thus, by my own test and in the opinion of the National Rifle Association, this fact will not allow the rifle to be fired accurately. I am wondering what scores you obtained for CBS?

I was somewhat surprised by the statement that you fired a bullet through a 14 inch tree and it did not fragment. I fired a 6.5 carcano missile through a 6 inch bundle of newspapers at fifty yards and the recovered bullets were extremely mutilated, in most cases, only the base portions being intact. My ammunition was of Italian manufacture but I don't suppose there could be that much dramatic difference in bullet construction between it and those made by the Western Cartridge Company. However, you would agree with me, that such a round or rather a missile from such a round would definitely completely penetrate the neck or trunk of a human body within the ranges of the Assassination, right?

Sincerely yours,